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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Having spent 15 years as a computer programmer, I would like to share my approval of the pending Microsoft settlement being completed at the end of the month and letting the company continue as a successful innovator that has driven the growth of the PC industry. This lawsuit was brought on by desperate competitors, such as Sun and AOL, leading to an expensive litigation that has only succeeded in lost taxpayer dollars and should be ended immediately.

Judge Jackson overstepped his authority with his ruling, as a break up would be a disaster for this fragile economy. Microsoft has not been perfect, but they are superior to any alternative on the market, and should be allowed to continue their progress unimpeded by more government intervention. The negotiated deal already sacrifices several aspects of the company's autonomy and gives the rival factions a broad spectrum of tools to make their mark on the competitive playing field.

I ask for your go-ahead with this plan, which unfortunately provides a level of regulation unheard of in the IT industry. Yet no matter the obstacles, Microsoft deserves a compromise and to exist as one company.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael Sule". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "M" and a trailing flourish.

Michael Sule  
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cc: Representative Mark Green